

Friday, May 1, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3963–S4141

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2023–2028. Page S4035

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–180) Page S4035

Measures Passed:

National Correctional Officers and Employees Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 175, to designate the week of May 3, 1998, as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week”. Page S4133

U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act: Senate passed S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto as follows: Pages S4133–36

Kyl (for D’Amato) Amendment No. 2335, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4134–36

Job Training Partnership Act: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States, and the Senate struck all after the enacting clause and inserted in lieu thereof the text of S. 1186, Senate companion measure, as amended. Pages S3963–S4027

Prior to this action, Senate concluded consideration of S. 1186, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Adopted:

Jeffords Amendment No. 2329, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4010–26

DeWine Amendment No. 2330 (to Amendment No. 2329), to extend the authorizations of appropriations for the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and to simplify the vocational rehabilitation system, increase consumer involvement in the process, and coordinate the State vocational education program with other Federal employment programs. Pages S4013–16

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2331 (to Amendment No. 2329), to prohibit the use of funds to carry out activities authorized under the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994. Pages S4016–17

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2332 (to Amendment No. 2329), to establish a requirement that individuals submit to drug tests, to ensure that applicants and participants make full use of benefits extended through training services. Pages S4017–19

Jeffords (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2333 (to Amendment No. 2329), to provide for a right for certain large units of general local government to submit appeals concerning designation as local areas. Pages S4019–20

Jeffords (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2334 (to Amendment No. 2329), to establish demonstration projects to locate secondary schools at community college sites to conduct tech-prep programs. Pages S4020–21

Subsequently, S. 1186 was returned to the Senate calendar. Page S4027

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of H.R. 1385, listed above, on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon at 5:30 p.m. Pages S4027, S4136

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Natalia Combs Greene, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Neal E. Kravitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Kevin Emanuel Marchman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Joseph Shuldiner, which was sent to the Senate on March 19, 1997, and on January 29, 1998.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:34 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 4, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks

of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4136.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued oversight hearings on the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on ethics and allegations of abuses and improper conduct by high-level agency officials, receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, May 4.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 4 through 9, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2676, IRS Reform.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2676, IRS Reform, and conclude consideration of S. 1186, Job Training Partnership Act, with votes to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of H.R. 2676, IRS Reform, and may consider H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act, S. 1873, Missile Defense Act, and any executive and legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 7, to hold hearings to examine agricultural trade policies, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: May 5, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine aviation competition, focusing on airline ticketing practices and antitrust enforcement, 9 a.m., SD-192.

May 5, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 6, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the U.S. Pacific Command, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 7, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and the Office of Science and Technology, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 7, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Executive Office of the President, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: May 4, Subcommittee on Personnel, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall within the subcommittee's jurisdiction of a proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 4 p.m., SR-222.

May 5, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, closed business meeting, to mark up those provisions which fall